(c) whether the Government are considering to recruit the required staff;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). As per the information available with the Government, the position in respect of Compounders and Nurses in U.P. in Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres as on 31.12.95 is as under :

	Compounder (Pharmacist)	Nurses (Nurse Mid-wives)
Required	4023	5595
Sanctioned	927	259
In position	927	259
Vacant	Nil	Nil

(c) to (e). The recruitment of Compounders (Pharmacists) and Nurses (Nurse Mid-wives) is the responsibility of the State Government.

[English]

Fake Institutions

3354. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a fake education institution has been detected in Bhopal on September 17,1996, which extorted money from the students in the name of providing Degrees and Diplomas in Engineering;

(b) if so, the number of persons from which it extorted money and the amount extorted;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action to check such fake educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). There had been a news item in Bhopal that the Local District Administration initiated action against a fake institute promising to award degree and diploma in engineering. Such matters are dealt with by the State Governments under their legal jurisdiction.

(c) and (d). The All India Council for Technical Education is a Statutory Body established under the AICTE Act, 1987 for coordinated development of technical education in he country. No engineering college can be started without the approval of AICTE in accordance with its regulations.

Cataract Patients

3355. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has been auditing a funds allotted to India for treatment of cataract;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the short term and long term plans of the Government for combating the menace of Cataract afflicting 80% of the economically poor persons and the steps of implement the same; and

(d) the number of eye camps organised in the country during the last three years and with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As a short term measures, eye camps are organised through the country by means of mobile units in the rural/tribal areas to clear the backlog of cataract. As a long term plan, the infrastructure in the district hospitals is being strengthen by constructing eye wards and dedicated eye operation theatre and providing opthalmic equipments for modern cataract technical and also providing refresher training for District Ophthalmic Surgeons posted there to improve their surgical skills. It is, also, proposed to involve Non-Government Organisations on a sustainable basis for giving eye care.

(d) Information regarding No. of eye camps organised is not collected at Central level. However, the No. of cataract operations performed during last three years are as under :

Year	No. of cataract operations Performed
1993-94	1913630
1994-95	2165468
1995-96	2470499

U.S. Training to Sri Lankan Army

3356. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the US defence experts are providing training to the Sri Lankan Army is Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether the Government have since examined the security ramifications thereof for India; and